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**Applicants:** Hays et al.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 17, 2005**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2005 for which the three-month date for response is July 18, 2005.

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.